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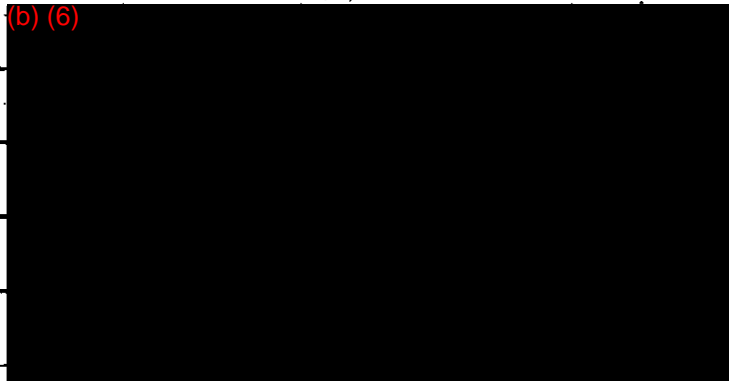
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From:

(b) (6)



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January 21, 2010

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Dear Congressional Liaison,

My constituent, (b) (6) has requested my office to make an inquiry regarding the status of their case.

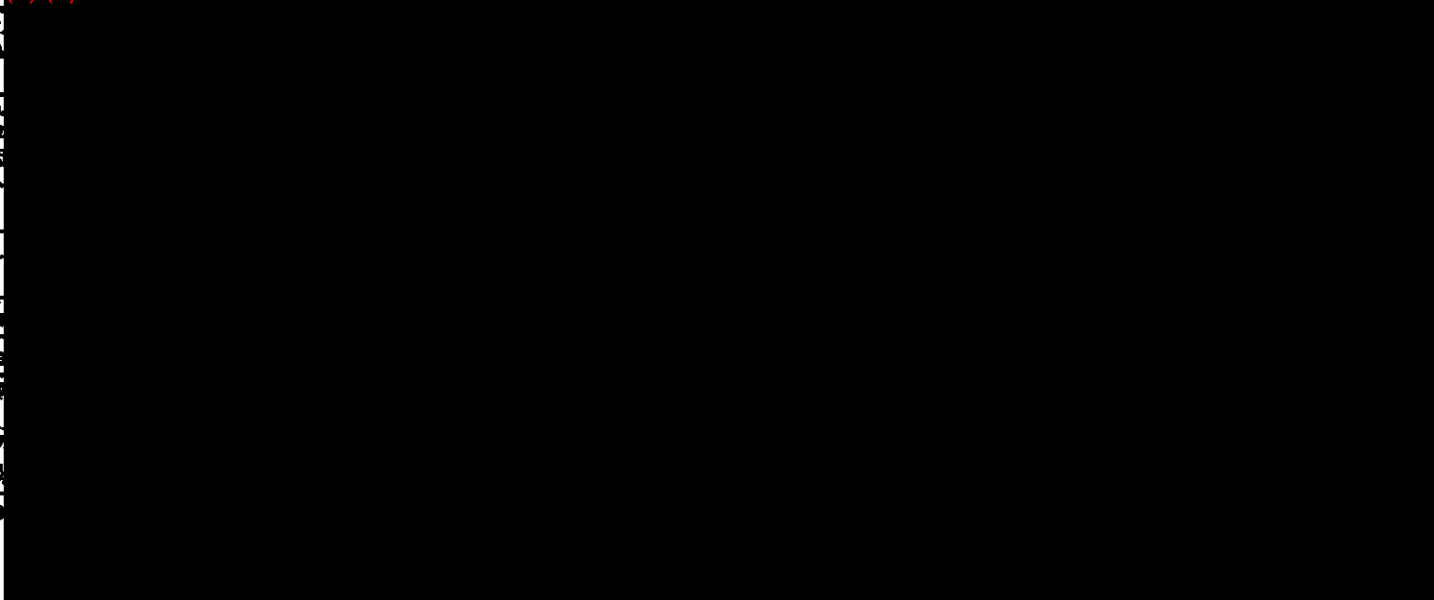
Very truly yours,

Peter J. Roskam
Member of Congress

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PERSONAL AWARD RECOMMENDATION

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23. RECOMMENDED AWARD NUMBER (EX: 1,2,3 ...) <i>1</i>	24. OTHER PERSONNEL BEING RECOMMENDED FOR SAME ACTION: <i>NONE</i>
25. ACTION DATE/MERITORIOUS PERIOD <i>12-07-1945</i>	26. (FOR O-6 AND ABOVE) RANK AND NAME OF PREDECESSOR:
27. GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF ACTION/SERVICE <i>SAIPAN</i>	28. IF FOREIGN NATIONAL, BRIGADE FOREIGN SERVICE AND COUNTRY:
29. I CERTIFY THAT THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE SUMMARY OF ACTION ARE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KNOWN TO ME <input type="checkbox"/> A MATTER OF RECORD	

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NO	COMBAT (To be completed by originator) (include Telephone Number)	RECOMMENDED AWARD	COMBAT "V"	SIGNATURE, GRADE	DATE FWD
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2			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
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33. CNO / CMC AWARDS BRANCH USE ONLY
SERIAL NO: _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____

34. NDBDM USE ONLY	
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TO: CNO (DMS-47/NOB13) CMC (CODE MMA)	
1. Extraordinary heroism recommended: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE	
2. Reviewed and recorded.	


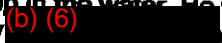
By direction


SUMMARY OF ACTION

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Ave.
St. Louis, MO
63132-5100

RE: 

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our request for a Silver Star is for the specific incident concerning the fire aboard the LCI 812 when an oil line broke and sprayed oil all over the engine room and caught on fire.  without regard to his own life and above and beyond the call of duty shut off all 8 engines and the 2 generators before leaving the engine room. In doing so, the ship came to a stop and with the aid of a handy billy for a fire pump they were able to get a hose to stay in the water to put out the fire. In leaving the engine room, he was engulfed by fire and the then skipper by the name of Pryor, caught him and put a blanket over him before he could jump in the water. He was burned over a large percentage of his body. This is confirmed from deck logs obtained by  who was aboard at that time and later became the ships commanding officer and other ship members present who are still alive.

Had  not shut off the engines, in all probability, the ship would have burned to the water line because without stopping, they would not have been able to get a hose in the water. The crew members would have been over board in two little life rafts that were standard on the LCI'S. Some would not have survived.


The little ship had left Saipan, earlier that day on July 12, 1945, heading for Pearl Harbor when the incident occurred. The LCI 812 was able to contact the KA, USS PRENTICE by radio via Saipan. Since they had medical facilities and the LCI had a pharmacist mate for 28 crew members, the rescue ship put a LVCP in the water with a doctor aboard and took him aboard two hours later. They were east bound for Pearl Harbor also.

He died on July 20 and was buried at sea with all honors on July 21, near Hawaii.

Attached are copies of:

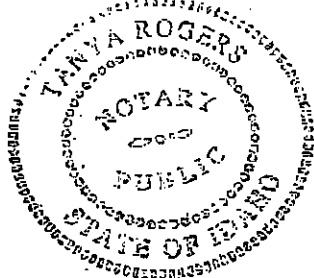
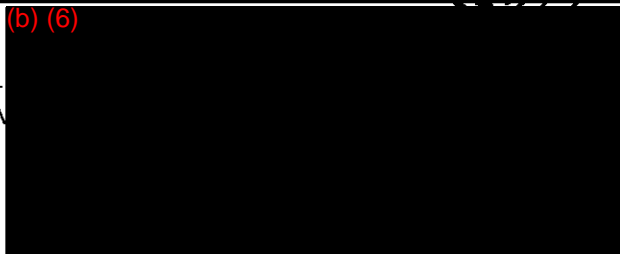
Death Certificate from USS Prentice

Letter from Commanding Officer, USS Prentice about circumstances of death

Chief Of Naval Personnel letter to Parents stating  death

SF 180 -request for Silver Star

Sincerely,

Notarized by 

Tuesday, May 04, 2010 AOL: HBleyhl

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 AOL: HBleyhl

JAN 19 2010

January 16, 2010

Re: Request for Silver Medal for a WWII Deceased Veteran

Dear Mr. Roskam,

I am writing to you to see if you might be able to help us with this request regarding a Silver Medal for my uncle, (b) (6). Mr. (b) (6) retired and former captain of the LCI 812 (Infantry Landing Craft) contacted me regarding this matter. Mr. (b) (6) is one of five remaining shipmates of the LCI 812.

Please refer to the attached letter and documentation attached. All of the necessary information should be there and the request document is completed and signed. A copy of the death certificate is also included.

Please let me know if you are able to help us expedite this request. If you have any questions or need to speak with me, I may be reached at anytime at (630) 462-1496 or my email address is: (b) (6)

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Your signature on this document is required for assistance

Privacy Release Form

Congressman Peter Roskam, 6th Congressional District, IL

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, Federal Agencies are prohibited from releasing any information regarding an individual without written consent. Therefore, I hereby give you and your staff permission to make inquiries into my records kept by the:

(b) (6)

Other numbers identifying my case _____

Types of benefits I am seeking Silver Medal

Date and Place claim was filed _____

Please write a brief description of the problem with which you are requesting assistance (attach copies of additional documentation):

See attached documentation

Signature _____

(b) (6)

Date January 20, 2010

Please return to :
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Bloomingdale, IL 60108